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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Source Clients

SUBJECT: NTIS-GPO-Depository Library Relationship

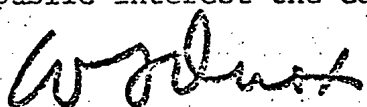
NTIS and GPO have now agreed on procedures to implement the Comptroller General's Decision on the availability of NTIS publications to depository libraries.

NTIS and GPO have met to review specific NTIS publications to determine whether these publications are "issued primarily for the general benefit of the public" and "of widespread public interest" and thus appropriate for depository library distribution, or whether they are "cooperative publications". . . "of a specialized and limited interest nature" which fall under the exemption in the Depository Library Act. (Quotations from the Comptroller General's Decision, B-114829, June 27, 1975.)

NTIS and GPO have agreed that certain subscription publications, i.e. Government Reports Announcements and Index, the Government Reports Annual Index, four FEA periodicals, and the U.S. Market Share Reports Catalog, are appropriate depository library items and that the NTIS Weekly Government Abstract series and individual monographs such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis reports: A Study of Fixed Capital Requirements of the U.S. Business Economy, 1971-1980, should be excluded from depository library distribution.

Similar reviews will be made of future NTIS publications which are candidate items for depository distribution. This will generally eliminate direct approaches by the GPO to our Federal source clients for depository distribution on publications made available for sale through NTIS.

This new procedure will, I believe, greatly improve our relations with the GPO, and is an effort of both agencies to implement in the broad public interest the Comptroller General's Decision.


William T. Knox
Director

